

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--~~It is an object to provide a~~A band refeeding method in a banding packing machine is disclosed which can prevent the tip portion of a band from being excessively pulled back even if the band is not supplied correctly but is automatically pulled back, and can stay the band in a predetermined position and can successively supply the band to the band guide arch side. A length of a band to be pulled back to an original position by band pull back means (84)-is previously detected based on the number of rotations of a touch roller (88)-constituting band supply means-(82). In addition, the number of rotations of the touch roller (88)-before reaching a predetected set value is detected when the tip portion of the band is pulled back. Then, a rotating speed of a roller (94)-of the band pull back means (84)-is reduced when the number of rotations is detected. Therefore, the roller (94)-of the band pull back means (84)-is subsequently rotated at the low speed, thereby pulling back the tip of the band to a predetermined position.--